

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 USUN N 06323 222154Z
ACTION IO-13

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 EA-07 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-01
INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15
USIA-06 OES-06 ACDA-07 NRC-05 SAJ-01 TRSE-00 HEW-04
AF-08 ARA-06 NEA-10 /125 W
----- 098134 /70

R 222100Z DEC 76
FM USMISSION USUN NEWYORK
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1852
AMEMBASSY TOKYO
INFO AMEMBASSY PARIS
USMISSION GENEVA
USERDA WASHDC
USERDA GERMANTOWN MD

C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 6323

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: TBIO, SWEL, JA, SHO, UNESCO, UNGA
SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON NUCLEAR BOMBINGS OF
HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI

REF: TOKYO 18553

1. MISSION HAS DISCUSSED PLANNED SYMPOSIUM ON THE EFFECTS
OF A-BOMBS ON POPULATIONS OF HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI
WITH MEMBERS OF UN SECRETARIAT'S DISARMAMENT AFFAIRS
DIVISION (DAD) WHO HAVE GIVEN US THE FOLLOWING BACKGROUND
INFORMATION AND CLARIFICATIONS.

2. ACCORDING TO DAD OFFICIALS, THE UNITED NATIONS IS NOT
REPEAT NOT SPONSORING, PARTICIPATING, OR COOPERATING IN
THIS SYMPOSIUM. UN OFFICIALS ARE AWARE THAT MAJOR
INITIATOR OF THE SYMPOSIUM IS GENSUIKYO, WHICH THEY RECOGNIZE
IS COMMUNIST-AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION. WHILE THE UN PROVIDES
ASSISTANCE TO ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS, IT TRIES TO KEEP ITS
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 USUN N 06323 222154Z

DISTANCE FROM SYMPOSIA WITH OBVIOUS POLITICAL ORIENTATION
WHOSE OBJECTIVES ARE LARGELY PROPAGANDISTIC.

3. DAD OFFICIAL FURTHER INFORMED US THAT GENSUIKYO
HAS CONDUCTED ACTIVE CAMPAIGN TO INVOLVE UN IN THE
PROPOSED SYMPOSIUM. GENSUIKYO LOBBIED ACTIVELY AND

SUCCESSFULLY IN GENEVA THIS SPRING TO HAE COORDINATING GROUP OF NGO'S IN FIELD OF DISARMAMENT (CONGO), WHICH HAS NO FORMAL STATUS, ADOPT RESOLUTIONS ENDORSING THE PROPOSED SYMPOSIUM. IN OCTOBER, A 40-MAN DELEGATION HEADED BY SATO, DESCRIBED AS CHIEF OF GENSUIKYO'S EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SECTION, MET WITH UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL SHEVCHEKO AND OTHER MEMBERS OF SECRETARIAT TO SEEK UN COOPERATION FOR THE SYMPOSIUM. THE GROUP WAS TOLD THAT THE UN WOULD NOT COOPERATE OR PARTICIPATE WITH SYMPOSIUM EXCEPT TO SUPPLY ACADEMIC LITERATURE AND OTHER PUBLIC-SERVICE DOCUMENTATION. DAD OFFICIAL EMPHASIZED THAT THE DELEGATION WAS RECEIVED "WITH GREAT CARE" TO AVOID ANY POSSIBLE MISUNDERSTANDINGS REGARDING THE POSSIBLE UN ROLE.

4. ACCORDING TO UN SECRETARIAT SOURCE, MAYORS OF HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI, WHO MET WITH SYG WALDHEIM ON DECEMBER 3, DID NOT BRING UP THE SYMPOSIUM ISSUE. THE MAYORS, HE SAID, WERE CONCERNED THAT THEIR RECENT INITIATIVES ON BEHALF OF A-BOMB VICTIMS SHOULD NOT BE MIXED UP WITH GENSUIKYO ACTIVITIES RE THE PROPOSED SYMPOSIUM. DAD DIRECTOR BJORNERSTEDT IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION TOLD US THAT THE MAYORS' VISIT WAS STRICTLY A COURTESY CALL AND THAT NO OPERATIONAL DECISIONS OF ANY KIND INVOLVING THE UN ARE PLANNED AS A RESULT OF IT.
SCRANTON

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: HUMAN RIGHTS, SOCIAL SERVICES, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, NUCLEAR WARFARE, MEETING DELEGATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 22 DEC 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: coburnhl
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976USUNN06323
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760470-0629
From: USUN NEW YORK
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19761219/aaaaapyo.tel
Line Count: 86
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION IO
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 TOKYO 18553
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: coburnhl
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 26 APR 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <26 APR 2004 by hartledg>; APPROVED <12 AUG 2004 by coburnhl>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON NUCLEAR BOMBINGS OF HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI
TAGS: TBIO, SWEL, JA, XX, UNESCO, UNGA
To: STATE TOKYO
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006